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Man Pleads to Attempted Kidnapping of Santa Clarita Teen

A Kern County man entered a no contest plea today for attempting to kidnap and rape a 13-year-old girl that was seated at a Santa Clarita bus bench last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Guillermo Lomelí Ceniceros, 40, of Rosamond pleaded no contest to one count of attempted kidnapping to commit rape in case PA082484.

Deputy District Attorney Julie Kramer said Ceniceros was immediately sentenced to seven years in state prison and was ordered to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

On Nov. 12, 2014, the defendant grabbed the young girl's arm as she sat on a bus bench near Sierra Highway and Jakes Way, the prosecutor said. A good Samaritan driving by yelled at him to stop when she saw Ceniceros trying to abduct the young girl, the prosecutor added. At that point the girl was able to run away.

Ceniceros had been living in a wash near Soledad Canyon and the 14 Freeway in Santa Clarita for a few months at the time of the crime.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Station.

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